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SHIPS TURNAROUND PERIOD
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average ship turnaround time at some ports in India is very high in comparison to the international ports;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being proposed to reduce the high percentage of non-working time at the berth per vessel ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)to(c): The Ports differ in their characteristics owing to geographical and historical reasons. The Indian Major Ports ingeneral have the facilities similar to ports in other parts of the world but the performance in respect of each of them does not compare favourably with that of the most efficient Ports of the world on parameters such as turnaround time of ships, throughput and productivity. The port expansion and modernisation programmes being undertaken at present lay emphasis on enhancing standards of Major Ports and their productivity through constructions and equipping new berths; acquisition of state-of-the-art equipment to match with the emerging cargo mix; establishment of Electronic Data Interchange; setting up of Vessel Traffic Management System; increased role of Private Sector.